

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, before line 1, please insert:

REINFORCED IONIC CONDUCTING MATERIAL, USE THEREOF IN  
ELECTRODES AND ELECTROLYTES

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

**Field of the Invention**

Page 1, after line 6, please insert:

**Description of the Related Art**

Page 3, after line 17, please insert:

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

Page 4, after line 2, please insert:

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURE OF THE DRAWING**

Figure 1 is a graphical representation of mechanical reinforcement observed as the modulus vs. temperature.

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS**